

THE STORY OF A SUICIDE.
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DRIVEN FROM HOME BY MARITAL DIFFERENCES.

The history of the young man, Joseph Hengestbeck, who died yesterday, at the New York Hospital from the effects of a dose of Paris green, possesses a peculiar interest. His father is a well known Poughkeepsie merchant. Joseph, up to a couple of years ago, was employed at a remunerative salary as clerk in his father's store. About three years since the father failed in business, but subsequently recovered just his affairs, satisfied his creditors and prospered again dawned upon him. The unfortunate suicide was possessed of many estimable qualities. He was sober and industrious, and was respected by all who knew him. Previous to his father failing in

were happy until the misfortune which compelled his father to go into bankruptcy necessitated a corresponding economy in household expenses. This it appears, was the first cause of quarrel between himself and his wife. The latter was accustomed to a luxurious style of living, and she could not reconcile herself to a more modest display. I

wife and children. He made known his intentions to his father. The latter reasoned with him and besought him to remain, but his resolution being fixed the Mayor of Poughkeepsie, Mr. John Harlow, who is a contractor, gave him a letter of introduction to Mr. William Noble, a Fourth avenue builder, from whom deceased received employment. From the time he arrived in this city, a couple of

the latter in various capacities, from that of time-keeper to a watchman. He denied himself almost the common necessities of life that he might contribute monthly to the support of his family. It is said that two weeks ago he wrote to his wife requesting a reconciliation. An emphatic refusal caused a prolonged fit of despondency, and in speaking to Mr. Noble he announced his intention to procure a divorce.

watchman, were completed, but he retained his position up to last Tuesday. Early on Wednesday a fellow watchman, named Morrissey, entered a shanty where deceased used to sleep. The latter produced a paper which, he said, contained Paris green, and said with a laugh that he intended to poison himself. He went away, but soon reappeared with a bottle containing the poison in solution. Bidding

THE BROADWAY RAILROAD.

Alderman Cavanagh asserted that twelve votes in the Board were pledged to support the application which was made by Park Commissioner Smith E. Lane. The latter gentleman when called on by a HERALD reporter last evening said:—"The road is to be a surface one. It will run from the Battery to

been obtained, the grant will be transferred to the company, which will then be incorporated under the general laws of the State relating to railroad companies. Nothing will be done this year, as it is too late. I have all the plans and papers in my possession, but these and the names of all parties interested are matters of confidence with me, owing to my official relations, and I cannot impart them to you.

street, said: "The application was made in the name of Mr. Smith E. Lane, as counsel, who refused to give the names of his associates until he was assured by written pledges from a sufficient number of members of the Board that they would secure the adoption of the resolution. This precaution on his part defeated the measure, for the members became suspicious and would not sign, and now the

allow all the intersecting roads to reach the Battery, and for this the company were to keep Broadway clean all the year round, carting snow off the moment it ceased falling."

Three farmers of Riverhead, L. I.—Frank O. Reeves, Edward Mosler and Nathaniel Corwin—are the losers of a considerable sum of money by the robbery of their mail. New York marketmen to whom they consigned their produce were in the

who worked for Mr. Mosier up to within a few days. He went to the Post Office and obtained the mail and, opening the letters, it is alleged, extracted the checks therefrom, forged indorsements upon them and had them cashed in the village by James Vail, John Welsh and others, purchasing a small bill of goods at each place as an inducement. Frank, it is believed, has crossed the Sound to New London.

POLICE INSPECTORS AND DEADLOCKS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD:—

It is contemplated by the Police Commissioners that the transportation districts, involving a

At present the city is divided into four inspection districts and one inspector located in each district to whom the captains of precincts make their daily reports. Those reports are looked over by the inspector and then forwarded to the Superintendent.

arrangement the captains are seldom seen by the Superintendent, unless sent for on some special business. The Commissioners have an idea that it would be better that the captains should be in more direct communication with the Superintendent.

Now, that the Commissioners are bent on making this change, we would kindly suggest to them to carry early to the Legislature and effect an amendment

That would be away with the ridiculous absurdities and prohibitions which we have too often witnessed in this commission. The Fire Department has only three and they always get a decision and the business of the department is not retarded. There is no tangible reason why the police should not be the same. I would also be well to have an act passed authorizing three inspectors to hold court for the trial of delinquent policemen thus saving the annihilation

REAL ESTATE.

But one sale was made at the Merchants' Exchange yesterday. Van Tassell & Kearney sold in fore closure the three story brown stone front house

for \$6,850.

OFFICIAL REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

The following is a statement showing the real estate transactions recorded in the Register's office December 11, 1879:—

Robert L. Kennedy	10,000
Lafayette place, s. s., 101.4 ft. s. of Astor place, 100x52.0x20x25x120x77.6; John Jacob Astor and wife to the Trustees of the Astor Library	None
2d av. s. w. corner of 101st st., 100x100x5; Morris Rindskopf and wife to Simon Lightstone; two- thirds of	1,500
101.1 st., s. s., 530 ft. w. of 2d av., 20x102.3; J. E. Brodeky (referee) to Lewis Johnston (as executor,	2 av

Maulebury, s. Bradley and wife to Carl Victor	38,000
2d av., e. corner of 51st st. 39.5x70; East River Savings Institution to Moses Kahn	9,250
1st av., e. s., 60.2 ft. n. of 9th st. 23.1x100; Martin Olfinger and wife to Henry Silberhorn	10,000
Same property; Henry Silberhorn and wife to Mary U. Olfinger	10,000
135th st. s. s., 10 ft. w. of 4th av. to c. s. of Madison av. 31.0x104.11; Charles A. Tucker and wife to	N

Smith, Washington st. (No. 212) N. J. Cullen, Jr. (referee), to John Taylor, half of	50
11th st, n. s., 283 ft. e. of av. A, 20x100.10; Matthew Smith & wife to David Jones	12.00
11th st, n. s., 110 ft. e. of 3d av., 200x100.11; Spencer A. Fanning to John H. Deane	16.81
112th st, n. s., 209 ft. e. of 3d av., 16.8x100.11; Charles R. Parritt and wife to William Caney	4.00
112th st, n. s., 233.4 ft. e. of 3d av., 16.8x100.11;	

10th av., 23x101.8xirregular; also s. e. of 128th
st., 225 ft. e. of 10th av., 300x101.8xirregular, with
beer brewery; Charles A. Tucker and wife to
David G. Yungling, Jr., one-half of.....